

Dear SIC Members and Supporters:

This issue of *SIC Clips & Quips* (Volume 4, Issue 3) is sent to call attention to some important dates of interest to School Improvement Councils.

It's No Too Late to Apply for the 2012 SC-SIC Riley Award! – Level One applications for the annual SC-SIC Dick and Tunky Riley Award for SIC Excellence are due to the SC-SIC office no later than **next Friday, November 18th**. This award is presented each year to an SIC which has demonstrated outstanding achievement and civic engagement on behalf of its school. In Level One of the award process, SICs tell the story of their accomplishments in the previous school year through a Case Statement and supporting materials. Up to 20 of the Honor Roll SICs will be chosen by the SC-SIC Board of Trustees as semi-finalists to compete in Level Two, which provides additional evidence that an SIC is functioning in compliance with state law and SC-SIC guidelines. Five semi-finalists will be selected by the Board for the Winners Level, from which an independent panel of judges will name the Riley Award winning SIC. The remaining finalists will receive Honorable Mention awards. Pertinent information about the Riley Award application process, requirements, deadlines, and other details can be found on the SC-SIC website, <http://sic.sc.gov>. Many fine things are happening in our schools and effective (and potentially award-winning) SICs are a driving force behind a good number of them. The Riley Award is a great way to honor their hard work and the value they bring to our schools, so apply for the award by **Friday, November 18th**!

SIC Member Reporting Deadline for 2011-12 is November 15th! – All SICs should have conducted their membership elections by the statutory deadline of **October 15th**. Remember that the statutory deadline for reporting local SIC membership information to the SC-SIC office through the online SC-SIC Member Network is **November 15th**. Member Network users should be entering their SIC's information into the Member Network at this time. If they have not already done so, account users will have to update their log-in and password information for the current school year. Directions for this are available on the SC-SIC Member Network site accessible through sic.sc.gov, or by contacting SC-SIC Public Information Director Claudia Wolverson by email at wolverson@mailbox.sc.edu. Also, if your school is a new or re-organized school not listed in the SC-SIC Member Network, email Ms. Wolverson to assist you in getting your SIC established in the database.

Remember, *SIC Clips & Quips* is sent to all SIC members and supporters who share their email addresses with us. Please feel free to print out and share this information with fellow SIC members who may not have received it. We are here to help you, so please contact us any time!

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For those who do not have email addresses in the system, the content is posted here.